

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: (Continuation of 09/572,518)) (Group Art Unit: 3738)
Filed: March 24, 2004) (Examiner: D. Isabella)
For: METHOD FOR FORMING AN)
ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION)

MS PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application Serial No. 09/572,518, filed May 17, 2000; and/or application Serial No. 09/457,228, filed December 8, 1999, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. co-pending application of Applicant; the claims and drawings of which were submitted in prior application Serial No. 09/572,518, filed May 17, 2000, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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Examiner Initial	Application Number	Filing Date	Publication/Patent Number
	09/921,851	03AUG2001	2002/0013624A1

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed above, indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notation in the appropriate column, and return a copy of this sheet to the Applicant.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

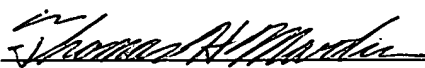
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Respectfully submitted,

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